

REMARKS

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicates that Applicants' After Final Amendment will not be entered; maintains the previous rejection, as set forth in the final Office Action dated December 27, 2005, of claims 1-26, 34-37, and 44-54 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Gould et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,960,394) in view of Douglas (U.S. Patent No. 5,875,429); indicates that claims 38-43 remain allowable; and asserts that previously proposed new claims 61-65 would require further consideration and search.

By way of this Amendment, Applicants propose canceling claims 1-26, 34-37, and 44-54, without prejudice or disclaimer, and adding newly proposed claims 61-65. Applicants also propose amending the title to improve form. No new matter would be introduced into the application. Claims 38-43 and 61-65 would be pending.

At page 3 of the Advisory Action, the Examiner asserts that a feature of previously proposed new claim 61 contains "a negative limitation," and as such, would require further consideration and search. Newly proposed claim 61 addresses the Examiner's concerns and is directed to a computer system comprising an audio user interface that substantially recites features indicated as allowable in independent claim 38 by the Examiner. Thus, independent claim 61 is likewise allowable over the references of record for at least reasons similar to reasons regarding claim 38. New claims 62-65 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency from independent claim 61.

Entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 since the Amendment places the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein. Entry of the Amendment is thus respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration of this application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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